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PRESIDING MARICOPA COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE URGES CITIZENS TO CELEBRATE CONSTITUTION WEEK

Phoenix, AZ – Maricopa County Presiding Justice of the Peace Lester Pearce, today, urged Maricopa County Justice Court employees and all citizens of Maricopa County to commemorate and celebrate the anniversary of the U.S Constitution.

"As we, as a nation, pull together in a time of mourning and also to show a strength of unity, I would like to remind all citizens of Maricopa County to recognize and to celebrate the birth of the document that sets us apart from all other nations," Judge Pearce said.

"Today is 6 days from the attack on the World Trade Center; a day that we all know will go down in history as an attack on our great nation and the freedom that this nation stands for," he said. "It is also the 214th birthday of that great document that has preserved our nation, namely, the Constitution of this land. Under Public Law (36 U.S.C. 153) today is to be declared as Citizenship Day and under Public Law (36 U.S.C.159) the week of Sept. 17 through Sept 23 is to be declared as Constitution Week by the President of the United States."

In the words of President Reagan, by Proclamation, in 1982 he said, "I call upon all citizens to join in studying the events and documents surrounding the adoption of our Constitution in 1787...On this our National Birthday we will celebrate, with renewed learning of the history and purpose of the Charter of Freedom."